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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Art Unit: 1742

For: ELECTROLYZED WATER PRODUCTION

SYSTEM

Examiner: Nicholas A. Smith

## **COMMENTS ON**

## **EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

MS Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## REMARKS

Applicant has received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the Notices of Allowance and Allowability of October 26, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. The Examiner therein provided a statement of reasons for allowance regarding the claims 1-6.

To the limited extent that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies, or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art because the claims should be interpreted with regard to only passages cited by the examiner, Applicant notes that support for the allowed "means plus function" claims may be found in the entirety of the application, including the written specification, claims, abstract, and drawings, and equivalents

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thereof, and no portion of the application is necessarily more critical than any other in such interpretation. The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attempts to recast the express language found within the claims that are facially clear in light of the application. Such a reconstruction is merely an attempt to redefine the invention in a manner different from what is set forth within the claims.

The issuance of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as surrender by Applicant of any subject matter.

It is the intent of the Applicant, through their attorneys, to construe all the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the present application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

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